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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: GENES RESPONSIBLE FOR  
VERNALIZATION REGULATION IN  
TEMPERATE GRASSES AND USES  
THEREOF

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Examiner: S. F. Baum

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated March 19, 2008 (Paper No. 20080309), for which a response was due on June 19, 2008. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 1 month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to July 19, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.